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Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:01 PM **To:** John Guastella < <u>ifg@guastella.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Daufuskie Island Utility Company - Bond Extension and Additional Bond

Importance: High

John,

Thanks for the request.

Our last effort on this was the maximum allowed from the Surety.

Sorry we could not be of help,

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Subject: Daufuskie Island Utility Company - Bond Extension and Additional Bond

Hello Danny,

Although the S.C. Supreme Court has provided DIUC with a very favorable decision in its appeal of

the Public Service Commission's rate order, in order to complete the rate case it required the Commission to conduct a rehearing. The scheduling of the rehearing and conclusion of the case for a final rate increase will extend into 2018. Under this timing, DIUC will need another extension of the existing bonds which are now at a total of \$1,203,595 and which expire on December 31, 2017. You will recall that for the last extension the bond company required a letter of credit in the amount of \$650,000. In order to again assure refunds to the customers in compliance with applicable law, effective January 1, 2018 DIUC would have to have in place a renewal of the \$1,203,595 plus another \$430,042 for the next six months, a total of \$1,633,637 including interest.

Would you please let me know whether you could obtain a bond or bonds for the extension and additional amount totaling the \$1,633,637, and if you could, would another letter of credit be required. I should advise you that although SunTrust Bank provided a letter of credit for the last bonds, it only did so with a personal commitment of one of DIUC's owners, and that personal commitment is no longer available. If you are unable to obtain the extension and additional bond amounts, I would request that the PSC provide alternative rate setting treatment. But I must also report to the PSC if bonds are again available.

We are pressed for time and I would ask that you respond ASAP. I very much appreciate your effort.

Thanks, John

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